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Drugs Make You Un-Smarter



Synopsis

What do you do when a parent, a grandparent, your brother, cousins and an uncle are doing drugs? You are also expected to do drugs, right? Fifteen-year-old Savanna Peterson went beyond the expectations of others and took a stand against drugs, even when her older brother had parties while her mother was at work, the cops were watching her house, and her dad spent most of her life in prison for drug-related crimes. *Drugs Make You Un-Smarter* is written by a high school student and her grandmother. The book includes stories of people who have abused drugs and interviews with actors and professionals. Learn facts about drugs and hear about goal-oriented kids who, like Savanna, have made a choice to remain drug-free.

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Customer Reviews

This book is written by my aunt and second cousin so I am also related to these people they write about. I appreciate the accuracy of the information although when it comes to detox information I would check your area for resources and options for detoxing. There are more available than the book describes. I love the fact that they use real people and stories to describe experiences with addictions and options for avoiding addictions. Coming from a family full of alcoholics and addicts is

really hard sometimes and I wish I would have some of this advice while growing up. I appreciate Savannah's dedication and hope as she gets older she follows her advice and does not fall into the trap of addiction. These are great stories and examples of a drugs and alcohol and how to beat the addiction cycle and it is important to know that we don't have to learn the hard way. Great book for young people. I think all teens should read this book. Thank you both for your advice and inspiration. :)Susan

This girl is actually un-smarter than most. She doesn't think poorly of drugs, she actually enjoys them often. She's currently on probation for such... still using Ecstasy and other drugs with her mother as I'm aware, smokes weed in videos on her Facebook (just have a look, Savanna Petersen), gives "massages" off a backpage under the name Kaydance in Salt Lake (which we can all assume what kind of massages), likely to afford her habits, and is as much a user of people as she is of drugs. Also not the sharpest tool in the box if you read anything she's ever posted online. Don't waste your money on before investigating the author.

This book is not a warm-and-fuzzy "just say no" message. It's a gritty, gruesome reminder of the aftermath that drugs cause. Several parts of the book are heartbreaking because it's clear that Savanna was not given the parenting she deserved. It's also extremely necessary to discuss these things with teens. *Drugs Make You Un-Smarter* would be a great resource for counselors and behavior modification therapists. If you're the parent or if you suspect that your child might be involved in drugs, you definitely should consider reading this book to be alerted to the warning signs. I haven't heard of the term "straight edge." I also didn't know many of the drugs that are available to children. What an eye-opener!! I received a copy of this book to review. The opinions stated are 100% mine.

Drugs Make You Un-Smarter - A Review Young people get such a lot of negative press these days that people could be forgiven for despairing of what the future holds. But then along comes a sassy fifteen year old girl from Salt Lake City and blows those pre-conceived notions out of the water. What Savanna Petersen has done, with her Grandma's help, is to lay out an alternate view for all young people, on how you can make radical changes in your life. She makes her case in such a clear and forthright manner, that it would almost seem illogical to ever go down the road to drugs and alcohol. In one way, it's sad to think that any young child has to witness the things that Savanna has seen, but on the other it's a glowing example of the triumph of the human spirit. She has learned how to

think for herself; a skill which many kids seem to be lacking. Her message is clear - Just say no! And even if you're already involved in drugs, or alcohol, well just stop; it's never too late! The book takes a comprehensive look at today's drug culture and the damaging effects it has on teens and the fabric of family life. It catalogues the drugs which kids may come in contact and outlines their effects. Using shared personal stories from numerous contributors, this book lays out the options available, not only for those who want to kick the habit but also for those who need a little help with avoiding it in the first place. In particular it focuses on the healing power of forgiveness and how it will set us free. It is without a doubt, a must read book for parents, who quite often have little idea of the pressures that their kids are under in today's world. I honestly believe that this book will be of invaluable interest to parents and their teens. With wisdom beyond her years, she advises teens - "Don't do what is expected--become anyone you want to be". Savanna, you are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for this book.

Betty Cosgrave

The Whispering Soul: Listen Quietly for Your Answers are within

This is a must-read book for EVERYONE! No matter what your life experience may be, the stories and advice found in this work will be extremely eye-opening. For anyone who has or will come face-to-face with drugs, the poignant and openly honest stories written by this brave 15-year-old will undoubtedly offer comfort, advice, and confidence to say "no" to drugs. After reading about how Savanna was able to endure such close proximity to drugs nearly all her life and still manage to stand up and proclaim her opposition to drugs so strongly, any reader will walk away with the self-assurance and determination to say "no", as well. For those readers who have not come in contact with drugs, they will walk away feeling proud of the life-choices that steered them away from drugs. They will also gain in-depth and moving advice on avoiding drugs for anyone they know who may be in need. Without a doubt, this is one of the best "say no to drugs" books available, because it is written from the perspective of someone who got as close to drugs as you can get without actually taking them and still managed to say "no" at the top of her lungs. In addition to Savanna's moving words, you will also find a number of interviews with other individuals who offer countless reasons of their own for having said "no" to drugs. Their reasons should be everyone's reasons, and Savanna's story of determination and confidence should be on every bookshelf in America!

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